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A Look at Media Bias

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman

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Gallup: Less than 3 in 10 have “confidence” in newspapers

From *Washington Examiner*...

“According to Gallup, **less than three in 10 Americans have ‘confidence in TV news and newspapers.’**” 27% have confidence in newspapers and 24% in TV news.

CBS, NBC Censor Murder at Hands of Illegal Immigrant

From *Newsbusters*....

A 17-year-old Muslim girl, Nabra Hassanen, was beaten to death by her attacker, Darwin Martinez Torres, in an act of road rage. ICE announced that he was an illegal immigrant from El Salvador. NBC and CBS ignored the story. ABC hyped it as a possible “hate crime” - even though police dismissed that motive - and **left out the attacker’s illegal immigrant status from their report.**

Rasmussen: Just 4% say media like Trump, 50% say biased

From *Washington Examiner*...

“[A Rasmussen] survey found that **just 4% of voters believe that the press leans in favor of Trump**, while 50% said that there is bias against the president.”

CNN Describes “Allahu akbar” as “something in Arabic”

From *IJR*...

During an attack on a police officer at a Michigan airport, the attacker screamed “Allahu akbar”, a phrase used by many jihadists during terrorist attacks meaning “God is great”. CNN reported it as “Michigan airport subject said **something in Arabic** before stabbing officer.”

Editor: Ivanka is Anti-Woman Because She Wore Pink Dress

From *The Federalist*...

Joan Walsh, Editor of Salon, on MSNBC “slammed Ivanka Trump’s dress choice at a G-20 summit meeting, calling it ‘ornamental’, and saying it hearkened back to a time where daughters were shown off as nothing more than the property of their fathers...Walsh added that **Ivanka could not possibly fight for women’s equality while wearing a pink dress with bows on the sleeves.**” But, back in 2012 when Michelle Obama wore a pink dress to the DNC Convention, Walsh said the impression she made to women “demonstrated empathy with their day-to-day economic struggles.”

Two-thirds of Americans say news media has negative impact

From *The Washington Times*...

“A wide ranging new survey from the Pew Research Center finds that two-thirds of Americans now say **the news media has had a ‘negative impact** on the U.S.’ - rating the press at the bottom of a list of national institutions.”

NYT’s Big Trump Jr. Scoops Contain a Key Disclaimer

From *The Daily Caller*...

“Two scoops from The New York Times on a meeting between Donald Trump Jr. and a Russian lawyer **contain a key disclaimer about five paragraphs deep** clarifying there is still **‘no evidence’ of collusion.**” It appears they were trying to bury that the meeting may amount to nothing more than opposition research from a foreigner, which is neither illegal nor unprecedented.